
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

6:30 PM

RAINIER COMMUNITY CENTER - 4600 38TH AVE S

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Aileen Trilles at 6:47 PM.

Attendance: Joy Bryngelson (Seattle Housing Authority); Dick Burkhardt (Sustainable South Seattle); David Chestnut (Community Member); Christie Coxley (South Lake Improvement Committee); Bill Davis (Mt. Baker Community Club); Bridgette Maryman (Community Member); Peggy Martinez (The Lighthouse for the Blind); Leslie Miller (Rainier Othello Safety Association); Karma Norman (Letitia Neighborhood Group); Helen Shor-Wong (Hillman City); Aileen Trilles (Filipino Community of Seattle); Sarah Valenta (Homesight and Othello Park Alliance); Thomas Whittemore (Department of Neighborhoods).

Motion was made by Leslie Miller and seconded by Bill Davis to approve the minutes of the April 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Sarah Valenta presented the Othello Park Alliance's application for formal SEDC membership.

The Othello Park Alliance (OPA) works to assure that Othello Park's beauty and open space are retained, enhanced, and integrated into a vibrant, multi-cultural, pedestrian-friendly Othello Town Center and residential community. Daphne Schneider & Rene' Williams are the Co-Chairs of OPA. Their website is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Othello-Park-Alliance>.

Motion was made by Peggy Martinez and seconded by Bridgette Maryman to approve Othello Park Alliance's membership into the SEDC. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding "Advocacy, Connection, Engagement, Service (ACES) model for SEDC"

In April SEDC leaders met with City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Neighborhoods Committee chair. They talked about ways district councils could be more effective. Currently, district councils receive \$500 or so per year, a pretty small amount. Also, since SEDC is not 501c3, it can't apply for grant funding. So SEDC leaders pushed for discretionary funding of around \$5,000 for district councils that could be used for projects such as the website or recruiting.

SEDC leaders offered to develop a sample budget to show how ACES work would move forward should funding be approved.

Before a budget can be established, the group engaged in a discussion of goals and next steps.

For Advocacy, the areas of concern are: public safety (i.e. sidewalks and bike routes), crime prevention, cleanup, budget, maintain staffing for Department of Neighborhoods staff, land use and transportation, economic and equitable development, the environment (i.e. climate impacts, tree covering, Power Works). The question is, who do we lobby?

For Connection, it was posed that we could use “community rooms” in Seattle Libraries.

After several go-arounds, it was established that the main concern is tools/resources. What was established is that SEDC needs a single hub to provide information and build connections.

Currently, there are two known SEDC websites:

- [Sedc.seattle.wordpress.com](http://sedc.seattle.wordpress.com)
- Sedistrictcouncil.org

Questions/Concerns:

- Are there other SEDC websites?
- Who is maintaining them?
- Establish which is the official website.
- Who is going to maintain this website?

Build an infrastructure. What will be on the website?

- Contact Us
- Calendar of events and SEDC meetings
- List of all SEDC members and their websites
- Volunteer database function

The group decided that a DRAFT budget be created (preferably in WordDoc 97/2000) via email for the group to edit, consider and present at the June meeting. Aileen Trilles was tasked with generating the first draft of a job description and budget.

Large Projects Fund

Thomas Whittemore announced the upcoming deadline for the Large Projects Fund applications, which is July 16. To participate in the review process, SEDC by Friday, July 6, should:

- Select a representative to the Citywide Review Team representative.
- Choose a District Council Review Team of 3-5 members.

Although the SEDC does not typically hold meetings over the Summer, the group was asked to consider holding a “meeting” in August (~8/29/12). The time would be used to allow SEDC LPF applicants to practice and present their projects to the community. Attendees would have an opportunity to provide feedback to help SEDC LPF applicants prepare for their formal presentations before the Council.

Announcements were made, such as:

- **Call for Nominations for the Jeannette Williams Award – Seattle Women’s Commission.** The Seattle Women’s Commission is seeking nominations of outstanding individuals or organizations in our community for the Jeannette Williams Award. Nominations are due by July 2, 2012 and should be sent directly to Marta Idowu at: marta.idowu@seattle.gov.
- June 8: **Vietnamese Friendship Association Annual Dinner**, Tea Palace, 6pm. vfadinner.eventbrite.com
- June 11: **First MLK Business District Association Tour**. For more information, visit: <http://www.rainiervalleypost.com/tag/mlk-jr-way/>
- June 15: **World Dance Party**, 6:03pm -9:27pm, at the Filipino Community Center

With no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 27 - 6:30 PM
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